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Representative John P. Stakoe
Chair, House Local Government
& Urban Policy Committee
State Capitol
Lansing, MI 48933

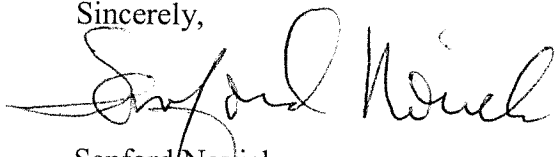
Dear Representative Stakoe:

The Lansing Board of Water and Light respectfully asks that you vote no on House Bill 6105, legislation to put the Michigan Public Service Commission in charge of regulating the rates of municipally owned water and sewer utilities.

While we understand that the bill as currently drafted would impact only one system, we still oppose HB 6105 because it sets a dangerous precedent and represents bad public policy. Specifically, the legislation fails to recognize that municipal water and sewer systems already have public oversight, most commonly in the form of a water and sewer board and the municipality's governing body. As such, this bill would add another and unnecessary layer of bureaucracy.

Again, please vote no on House Bill 6105. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration of our position.

Sincerely,



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cc: Senator Gretchen Whitmer
Senator Patricia L. Birkholz
Senator Alan L. Cropsey
Representative Michael C. Murphy
Representative Rick Jones
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